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Freshwater tanker app will soon supply recycled water from decentralised STPs for home construction purposes

THINK TANKER

Book treated water through app from June 5

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In a bid to promote use of recycled water for construction purposes, Tankerwala, the mobile application startup where one can book freshwater through tankers on-demand in the city, is all set to release an option in the app to book water tankers that provide recycled water too. The option will make treated water available for non-infrastructure construction projects in the city.

According to Shravanth Donthy, co-founder and CEO of Tankerwala, while the recycled water supply option is currently available in B2B mode, individual home construction companies and residential complex builders will also be able to avail the service soon.

"We already have tankers to supply treated wastewater. We will be launching the recycled water option for non-infrastructure projects soon. Currently, it is in B2B transaction mode; we are supplying treated water to BMRCL for underground tunneling work," Donthy told BM.

According to an official estimate, Bengaluru generates around 2,000 MLD of wastewater each day. Out of this, 735 MLD of wastewater goes untreated and 1,265 MLD is treated in centralised and decentralised sewage treatment plants (STPs). However, most of the treated water is unused and discharged into stormwater channels.

While the Bruhat Bengaluru

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> **"We wanted to bridge the gap between RWAs with surplus treated water and infrastructure firms where there is never enough water**
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> — Shravanth Donthy, CEO, Tankerwala

Wishful drinking

1,000 cases booked so far in BTP's special drive against drunk driving resumed two weeks ago

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It has been two weeks now since the Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP) started special drunk drive checks and they have already booked more than 1,000 cases of drunk driving throughout the city in three traffic police divisions.

Around five to six new alcometers/breathalysers have been given to all traffic police stations that are now using them along with the existing ones, said a senior police officer.

"Over the past two weeks, we have been conducting drives against drunk driving at all our traffic police stations on the nights of Friday, Saturday and Sunday," said Kuldeep Kumar Jain, deputy commissioner of police at west traffic police division.

The special drive against drunk driving started after 19 months in September last year, but since there was a surge in covid cases in November and December last year, and January and February this year, it was temporarily suspended. Two weeks ago, the BTP started the drive again.

"The breathalysers used on Friday would go for a 24-hour

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Melodies under the stars

Catch band Lagori perform live at Forum Koramangala Mall. Young, energetic, full of surprises and madness on stage, Lagori has, over the last four years, brought thousands to their concerts. This city-based band is made up of four unique musicians bringing their own flavours and styles to the table. The ensemble consists of Tejas Shankar: Vocals, Geeth Vaz: Electric/Acoustic Guitar/ Backing Vocals, Edward Rasquinha: Acoustic Guitar/ Backing Vocals, Vinyl Kumar: Drums/Shakers/Cajon/Backing Vocals.
Venue: Forum Koramangala Mall
When: May 7, 6.30 pm onwards

02 Food x Music

Give yourself a break from all the chaos and hustle of life, and enjoy an evening with modern comfort food, exciting brews and live music from the Project Ensemble to keep you grooving. 'Fox on Stage' the amphitheatre at the Fox in the Field has set their stage ready for Peter on the bass guitar, Madhu on percussions, and Badal as the vocalist and rhythm guitarist to croon some of your all-time favourite Bollywood, Sufi, and popular English numbers.
Where: Fox in the Field at Forum Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield; When: April 29, 8 pm onwards

03 Crank it up!

Bangalore Massive is back with another heavyweight lineup featuring Zoya (Goa), The Untitled One, Rasa, Hellkitty, and 3Spear. The event is hosted by King Sinister. Bangalore Massive brought to you by Drum and Bass India in collaboration with SOCIAL is a night to celebrate the massive bass music culture of the city. If you like Bass then this is the night to be at! Drum and Bass India is a community which is pushing the bass music sound in the country since 2013. **Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL, When: April 29, 7 PM onwards**
Entry: Free, skillboxes.com/events/dnbindia-social-present-bangaloremassive-003

KIA cruising in busy skies

Bengaluru airport bagged third spot in air traffic in 2021 fiscal year despite covid; 16,400 flights operated to and from KIA in March 2022

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In term of domestic air traffic, around 14,863 flights were operated in KIA in March 2022

Despite Covid-19 denting the aviation sector economy for a majority of the past two years, the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) airport has continued to maintain the third spot in terms of the total aircraft movements (domestic and international).

According to the latest statistics from the Airports Authority of India (AAI), 16,400 flights were operated in and out of KIA in March 2022 as against 15,347 in March 2021. This means the growth of the flight movement from the city airport was 6.9 per cent (domestic and international). The AAI chart shows that Delhi airport has the maximum flights (34,842), followed by Mumbai (21,419).

During April 2020 to March 2021, 1, 13,651 flights operated from KIA and the flight numbers soared to 1, 48,014 in the last fiscal (2021-22) with 30.2 per cent rise in traffic. However, the growth was much higher in other airports like Delhi (49.3 per cent), Mumbai (60.7 per cent), Cochin (62.1 per cent), Nagpur (52.3 per cent) and Kannur (55.6 per cent).

In terms of a break-up of flight categories, Bengaluru had a lead over other cities in the domestic sector. Bengaluru airport saw 14,863 flights in March this year (after Delhi: 28,644 and Mumbai: 17,452). However, Bengaluru was pushed to fifth position in international aircraft movements for March. The city airport saw 1,537 flights operating from KIA in March this year. Delhi continued to dominate the charts with 6,198 international flights, followed by Mumbai (3,967), Chennai (2,155) and Cochin (1,868).

A spokesperson from KIA said that passenger traffic continued to recover with over 45 per cent growth in domestic travel and about 136 per cent growth in international travel in the financial year 2022 as compared to 2021. Around 16.28 million passengers used the airport in 2022 as against 10.91 million passengers in the last fiscal. The traffic recovery was 54 per cent for 2020 (domestic recovery at 55 per cent and international passenger traffic recovery was at 24 per cent).

With restrictions easing, corporate traffic is gradually reviving in domestic and international sectors. This was also influenced by higher vaccination rates, lower infections, relaxation of travel restrictions, cross border regulations, and increased economic activities, said the officials.

The number of domestic destinations that can be reached directly from KIA has grown to 76 from 54. The top domestic routes in 2022 were Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Goa, with these sectors contributing 40 per cent to the traffic. Bengaluru airport serves 20 international destinations with Dubai, Maldives, Doha, London, and Frankfurt being the top cities and contributing 67 per cent to the traffic.

Tier 2 airports

Apart from Bengaluru, Mangaluru is the second airport where international flights operate. The coastal city saw a growth of 40 per cent in international flight movement in March this year compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. This March, 266 flights operated from Mangaluru as against 190 in March 2021.

Belgaum airport saw a decline in domestic traffic last month. Belgaum airport had 514 flights in March 2022 as against 744 in March 2021.

Even Hubballi airport saw a decline in flight movement (by 22.5 per cent) as 406 flights operated from the city as against 524 last March. Mysuru also saw a decline of 18.8 per cent. Kalaburagi airport has seen the same flight movement 190 without an increase or decrease.

Higher jab rates, ease of travel bans, increased economic activities boosted air sector

Differently abled girl wins against all odds

For Chandini Nair, a native of Kerala, April 30 will mark an epoch in her life. Born differently abled, Nair dreamt of becoming a doctor from an early age. But due to her disability, many scoffed at her dreams and colleges turned her away. However, sheer grit and tenacity helped her overcome all obstacles, and as an acknowledgement of her efforts, Nair will now be getting a gold medal at the 24th annual convocation by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health and Sciences.

Being held at NIMHANS Convention Hall on April 30, 83 students will be bagging a gold medal at the convocation.

With the tenacity that she showed through her journey, Nair says she never gave up on her dreams. "My message to those differently abled is to never give up on their dreams. This can be a difficult task, but with an open heart and clear vision, it can be done," she says.

For the spunky girl, April 30 will be a big occasion for her and 83 other students at Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS).

Around 16 men and 67 women will receive 100 gold medals at the convocation ceremony. A total of 43,883 students are slated to receive their degree certificates.

The secret to their success

Shwetha N, a student of Srinivas College of Pharmacy (Mangalore) won four gold medals at the state-wide competition this year, securing the highest rank among pharmacist students in Karnataka.
According to her, she spent three hours every day studying for the exams, and with the help of her professor who inspired her to branch out into research, she thrived as a learner.

Abhishek Pandey from East West College, Bengaluru, has also bagged four gold medals. The professor at the college of medicine also motivated him to study outside of his textbooks, ensuring he had extensive knowledge on the topic.

— Vaishnavi Gopalraj

Around the country on an electrifying auto ride

Bengaluru traveller hopes to cover 30,000 km and create a record too

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Jothi Viknesh has named his trusted e-auto rickshaw Hope; Viknesh likes to make new friends at the places he visits and takes it slow and easy to learn more about the culture there

As restrictions began easing post-covid, everybody got busy throwing themselves whole-heartedly into a passion they wanted to pursue. Bengaluru-based Jothi Viknesh bought himself an electric auto-rickshaw. Why? Because it is unique, and because he wanted to create a world record.

Viknesh has set out on a 30,000-km expedition through the country in his e-auto. He is vying for a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest distance travelled in an electric auto. He is already halfway into the record-making distance. Five months on, he has completed around 10,000 km and the expedition is likely to be over by December this year. The current Guinness Record is for 20,000 km.

"I wanted to do an all-India trip in an auto, but I decided to make it greener so I chose an electric vehicle. In November, I bought the Mahindra Trio costing around Rs 3 lakh and began my journey in December. Currently, I have covered 10,500 km across 13 states. I started from Bengaluru, went to Tamil Nadu, Goa, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, Mizoram, Arunachal, Meghalaya, Tripura and Nagaland," Viknesh told Mirror.

From here, he plans to enter Nepal, travel towards Uttarakhand and onto Ladakh. Further,

he will travel to the west of the country, reach Gujarat and zigzag through south India and complete his journey back in BEngaluru. "I picked an electric-auto rickshaw as it was the first such in the world and because it is a fun vehicle and easy to drive," added Viknesh.

The e-auto rickshaw can be charged over four hours and can give an estimated 100-110km per full charge which is the distance covered per day. One of the challenges of taking an e-auto out is you need to constantly look for charging points. "Charging points are almost non-existent in the country right now. I was carrying a portable charger along with a long cable to ensure it reaches everywhere. I would have to request homes and restaurants to allow me to charge. In most places, they were helpful but some would refuse outright. Sometimes, I had to go through villages, looking for a 15-Amp socket," he added.

While on the trip, Viknesh avoids staying in hotels and depends on the generosity of the people. He carries a tent with him. He tells us that trip is only costing him Rs 15-20,000. For his previous trips, he was able to fund his trips by going through fitness training courses.

"I had to prepare myself mentally and physically because I might not be able to sleep often. I had to also account for time-zone changes and so I prepared myself by walking up at 5:30 am. I prepared the route for the entire year covering an estimated 40,000 km. But changes keep happening and you have to adapt," he said.

"I picked an electric-auto rickshaw as it was the first such in the world and because it is a fun vehicle

He has one tip for fellow-travellers -- take it slow and easy. "It's now a trend for people to travel with strict itineraries and take pictures. Mostly I met nice people but people also warned me against venturing into some states but people should travel slowly and absorb the culture. While I was in Nagaland, militants questioned me and put a gun to my face. Viknesh has always been a travel fiend and went on his first all-India trip in 2016 on a bike. Till now, he has gone on three all-India trips.

Next up in his itinerary, is a world trip in an electric car.

Case of the missing withdrawn money at ATM

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A 35-year-old businessman is running from pillar to post for an ATM bank transaction that he claims was not done by him. He has lost Rs 20,000 that was withdrawn from his savings bank account recently. Though he called up the customer care, blocked his debit card and even approached the bank and explained that he had not carried out the transaction, the money is nowhere to be found.

M Venkatesh, a resident of Wilson Garden, had to withdraw Rs 40,000 from his bank account to pay an associate on April 20. He withdrew Rs 20,000 that was his maximum one-time limit and for the second Rs 20,000 soon after he keyed in the OTP, the ATM in Wilson Garden displayed a message 'Timed Out'.

Since the ATM did not dispense any cash and still he received a message that Rs 20,000 was debited from his account, he called up the customer care. The customer care executive raised a complaint and assured him that it may have happened during the downtime and the withdrawn cash would be put back in his account. In the meantime, he blocked his debit card too. As the

No sign of ₹20,000 in account of bizman. Bank says it was withdrawn at ATM he did not visit. Where did it vanish?

money did not get reversed after two days, Venkatesh approached the bank's branch in Wilson Garden and explained his plight. He also gave a complaint in writing to the bank officials. A bank official checked his account and told him a transaction of Rs 20,000 withdrawal was showing at the bank's ATM in Jayadeva at the same time. "How can I be at two places at around the same time when the distance between the ATM in Wilson Garden and the one in Jayadeva is around 4.5 km?" Venkatesh said.

The officials explained to him there had been a server downtime and other customers too had reported similar issues and everyone's money was back into their accounts. But that was not a solace to Venkatesh. "I keep getting messages that the issue will be sorted out at the earliest, but there is no trace of my money," Venkatesh said. The police are also not accepting his complaint as it looks like a mistake and not a fraud.

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

NO VAX LINK TO HEPATITIS

THE CLAIM

After a website in a report claimed that there was evidence to link covid vaccines to a recent rise in hepatitis cases among children, the claim was repeated on several social media sites.

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

The World Health Organisation said recently that at least one child death had been reported following an increase of acute hepatitis of unknown origin in children, and that at least 169 cases had been reported in children in 12 countries. The WHO issued the figures as health authorities around the world investigate a mysterious increase in severe cases of hepatitis – inflammation of the liver – in young children. WHO is supporting countries with the probe and collecting information from the countries reporting cases. However, WHO said that a majority of the kids with the hepatitis are unvaccinated. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has denied that the cases have any link to covid vaccines.

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TOPCOMMENTS

Embellishment under flyover welcome, but not crucial

Commenting on our story – Bison under flyover– readers are skeptical. A reader Ramesh Kumar writes on the BM website, nice to have these kind of things. Sometimes I feel though that when basic roads and infrastructure is falling apart these seem like wasteful expenditure. A user titled OO writes, give it a few weeks and our trash-loving Bengalureans will make it into a black spot. A reader Vasundhara M has mailed BM saying this was not really what the city was waiting for. It seems like so much infrastructure work is going on every where but commuters and pedestrians have a tough time on most roads. This beauty spot may be a solace for all those who've had enough of city roads.

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

- Bison under flyover
- Waterway is 70% complete
- 114 new covid cases in Bengaluru

Disinfected Bengaluru

BBMP workers spray disinfectants using a canon on KG Road on Thursday. The civic body had earlier conducted such drives when covid cases were rising or to protect the city against bacteria and vector-borne diseases.

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Avenue Road will be back in business in 20 days?

While BBMP says work has picked up pace, traders fear palike will miss another deadline

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The Smart City works on Avenue Road began in January last year; (inset) BBMP administrator Rakesh Singh inspects works on Wednesday night

Bengalauru's oldest and one of the biggest business hubs is literally in shambles. For the last few years, the development works on the busy Avenue road are 'in progress'.

So far, it has missed several deadlines and the latest deadline is that the Avenue Road will be open to traffic in the next 20 days. However, the businessmen operating from Avenue Road are sceptical with the new BBMP deadline as they fear that if there is a further delay, there will be more loss. In a surprise move, BBMP administrator Rakesh Singh inspected the Smart City works being undertaken in the 1.02 km stretch on Avenue Road (between SJP Road and Mysore Bank Circle) on Wednesday night. He claimed that the developmental works have picked up pace and most of the works are complete. He expressed confidence that the Avenue Road will be open to business before the deadline.

Singh said that in most parts of the road, the drainage work was completed and ducts were constructed for laying OFC and other cables. The 300 mm pipes for carrying drinking water were being laid. The construction of footpaths and installation of street lights were yet to be completed. He instructed the officials to complete the works at the earliest.

Giriraj Jain, who owns a shop in Avenue road said, "Our business has been hit big time. First, we were affected by covid and subsequent lockdowns and then the Smart City works. We are hoping that the road will be open this year as covid cases are reducing and people are returning to the business district. The long delay has ruined business opportunities for many. With fear of another wave, we may be staring at huge losses." Many businessmen said that they were paying higher rents and unable to sustain the business.

The Smart City works at the city's oldest street began in January last year. However, due to covid waves and delay in shifting of utilities, the work is still continuing at a slow pace. On Thursday, BBMP Administrator Rakesh Singh had earlier sent March-end for the works to be completed. Now, with the new 20-days deadline, it needs to be seen whether Avenue Road will meet the deadline or miss another deadline.

For a long time, the condition of Avenue Road was very poor. Hence, it was decided to take up the upgradation work on the Smart City scheme.

There are proposals to beautify the Avenue Road and Dodd Pet circle, installation of fire fighting points, parking facilities at select places, remodelling of pedestrian pathways.

The 1.2 km road was dug up in three phases with 300 metres being taken up in every phase to avoid inconvenience to the business establishments. However, the slow pace of work still hampered the businesses.

BBMP directs officials to remove flexes and dangling cables

The recent death of a youth after coming in contact with a dangling cable seems to have woken up BBMP. On Thursday, BBMP administrator Rakesh Singh asked his officials to remove the dangling cables and flex banners. Singh said, "Flex banners and hoardings put up in the city should be removed. It should be ensured that there are no flex banners, hoardings displayed again. Officials should monitor this. Illegal OFC cables should be removed." However, residents are skeptical over the BBMP's intent. "The cables are all over the place and nothing has been done so far despite a court verdict. Now, I really doubt if the BBMP can take on the flex banners as most of the banners are attributed to the ministers and government officials. Will BBMP take up courage to take on the minister' banners", said Raju S, a college student.

Meanwhile, Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "It should be ensured that the roads and the footpaths within the city should be in good condition. Proper maintenance also should happen. Senior officers of the wards concerned should ensure this. Debris on footpaths, roadside should be removed. Good opinion could be formed about BBMP only when we solve the problems before the public raises complaints. So, officials have to solve the issues at the grass-root level itself. Keep the roads and footpaths clean. Pothole filling, restoration of road cuts should be done. Remove the debris. Work responsibility using the all available system, without blaming another department."

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Death trap
Anjaneya Temple St

A dug-up pit on Palmgrove-Anjaneya Temple Street Junction is posing a threat to commuters and pedestrians. The road has been lying in this condition for two weeks. No action has been taken even after several complaints.

Not-so smart
MG Road

To conduct Smart City works on a 4-ft-wide footpath on MG Road, two obstacles have been placed, leaving no space to walk. This is dangerous for pedestrians. The BBMP should act in favour of citizens.

EAT, DRINK AND DON'T DRIVE

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quarantine and would come back during the special drive on Sunday," Kumar added. Each of the traffic police stations has been directed to conduct the drive with at least one team, including a videographer.

"Our men are making sure that they register more than 60 cases a night while on drunk driving checks. During the first weekend, we managed to register around 60 to 80 cases each night for three days which came to around 180 cases. A similar number of cases have been booked during the last weekend. In the west division alone, we have booked around 400 cases of drunk driving," Jain pointed out.

In September last year, BTP personnel were interacting with suspected drunk motorists. They were being escorted to a hospital for blood alcohol check and cases were being booked after the results from the hospital emerged as the suspects were proven to be drunk above permissible limits.

However, now the motorists are being checked with alcometers - both active and passive and are fined instantly. "By this we are able to not only bring down the rate of accidents and rash driving incidents, but also bring in discipline among motorists who would think twice before they drink and drive," said a senior traffic police inspector.

Gratuity wins, but state must back anganwadi workers

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In a relief to over 25 lakh Anganwadi workers deployed across the country, the Supreme Court on Monday ruled that they are entitled to gratuity. The apex court has asked the Centre and state governments to take serious note of their plight as they are paid meagre remuneration despite being the backbone of various welfare schemes and rendering important services to the society.

Many anganwadi workers are deprived of their basic needs and salaries; they do not get paid on time or if they get paid, they receive a meagre amount. The wages do not even suffice to their daily needs. The Anganwadi workers have been assigned all pervasive duties, which include identification of the beneficiaries, cooking nutritious food, conducting preschool for kids, while even assisting lactating mothers.

The ASHA and Anganwadi workers, who have been on the frontline in the fight against covid-19, and worked relentlessly during the outbreak of the pandemic and the lockdown, were not provided with minimum requirements for them like risk allowance, safety, insurance and others.

Many times, the workers had even gone on a strike, for the wages not paid for many months together, while some workers even passed away after they got infected with covid-19. They had asked the government to clear all their dues of wages and pending allowance, but there has been no upgrade to their situation. Now with the SC order, the members of AIUTUC demanded the State government to act now and clear the payments of the workers.

Anganwadi workers had staged protests demanding fair wages

K Somashekar, Secretary AIUTUC said, "AIUTUC demands that the government take swift measures and implement the payment. This apart, they should also create better conditions for the ASHA and Anganwadi workers. They have been fighting for long for payments and even for social security. Now the state government needs to come forward and address their issues."

City paid Rs 16.5 crore for flouting covid rules

Next week, BBMP may resume fine system for mask defaulters

After State government mandates wearing of masks, BBMP marshals spread awareness in crowded places in the city

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Amid the rising number of covid cases in other parts of the country, BBMP officials are warning that the Rs 250 fine system that was earlier imposed for not wearing masks will be back from next week. Meanwhile, did you know that Bengalureans have already coughed up Rs 16.5 crore for not following covid-appropriate behaviour (CAB)?

According to the latest statistics, the BBMP marshals have booked cases against 6,49,888 citizens, thereby collecting a fine of Rs 15,74,85,380.02 from mask violators and 33,883 people were penalised for not following social distancing norms; fine amount of Rs 6,83,820 was collected from them.

City doctors say that it is better to wear a mask and stay away from fines as a mask will not only give an individual immunity from penalty but also safeguard us from the covid infection.

> **"Six covid patients have been admitted to hospitals in the city. Out of them four are in general ward and one each in HDU and ICU**
> –From BBMP war room data

If we look at changes of norms in Namma Bengaluru, the mask rule has been on and off. Covid struck the city on March 8, 2020. In the beginning, the State Government said that masks were optional and not everyone needs to wear a mask. A few of the ministers even said that healthy people need not wear masks. However, the narrative changed as masks became a must and everyone was told to wear masks. Some even suggested that a mask must be worn inside homes, which was not practically impossible.

However, there was widespread resentment against wearing masks. So, with no other go, the State Government imposed a penalty on mask defaulters. Covidiots were identified and forced to cough up the fine. Both the traffic police and marshals were empowered to penalise mask rule violators. In October 2020, the fine for not wearing masks was raised to Rs 1,000. Later, the fine amount was reduced to Rs 250. As of now, the State Government has made masks mandatory but no fine is imposed as marshals have been asked to create awareness. However, BBMP officials are stating that they want to begin imposition of fine from the next week onwards.

Only 1 patient in ICU

Here is positive news about covid. As of Thursday, there is only one covid patient admitted to ICU. According to the BBMP war room data, there are six patients who have been admitted to hospitals and out of them four are in general and one each in HDU and ICU. Meanwhile, Covid cases are slightly increasing with Bengaluru reporting 142 cases on Thursday.

For the last two years, there have been scores of patients who were critically ill and were admitted to either ICU or ventilator and were in demand of oxygen. A health expert said, "This is in stark contrast to what we saw in the first and second waves. During these waves, ventilators or ICU beds were not available. Many would queue up before hospitals demanding beds for their family members without any luck. Many have also died waiting for beds and treatment. There have been instances where patients who were receiving treatment in hospital and required oxygen support were told to look for other hospitals as the ICU and ventilators were full."

IN BRIEF

Student's death triggers protest

There was a tense situation at a private university campus in North Bengaluru when a foreign national died after falling from the sixth floor building on Wednesday night.

Police sources said that 24-year old Haseena, who went to the sixth floor of her hostel building to pick up clothes, slipped and fell on the ground. She died on her way to the hospital. As soon as the news spread, many foreign national students went on a rampage, alleging lack of security for the students. A few miscreants damaged cots, lights and glasses at the hostel. Police had to rush to the spot and resort to mild lathi-charge to control the situation.Many students had alleged that the student had committed suicide.

Pay more for pollution check

After hike in fuel prices, now it is the turn of cost for Pollution under Control (PUC) certificates. As per the latest notification issued by the transport department, there is an increase of Rs 35 for diesel vehicles. Earlier, PUC for diesel vehicles (four-wheelers and above) used to cost Rs 125 and now it will cost Rs 160. For two-wheelers, the PUC cost has now gone up from Rs 50 to Rs 65. For four-wheelers (petrol and CNG), the PUC will now be charged Rs 115 from the earlier Rs 90.

Reacting to this, Sanjay Raj, a college student said, "Though the hike looks marginal, it was not needed at this hour as we are facing price rise everywhere."

Jilted lover pours acid on youth

A jilted lover allegedly threw acid on a 23-year-old woman in Bengaluru on Thursday. The victim is currently being treated at a private hospital. The incident had taken place near the Muthoot Fincorp office in Sunkadakatte. The police have launched a hunt for accused Nagesh, who escaped after the attack.

According to the police, Nagesh was following the victim while she was on her way to work. He then waylaid and poured acid on her. Nagesh tried to force the victim to fall in love with him. When she refused, he developed hatred towards her and planned to carry out the acid attack, the police said.

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Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has made the use of treated water mandatory for all types of construction, builders and individuals continue to exploit groundwater and Cauvery water.

"There are around 4,000 decentralised STPs in the city that recycle wastewater. Even though there is enough treated water available that is fit for construction, most construction companies are drawing fresh groundwater for their projects. We wanted to bridge this gap between RWAs, where there is extra treated water available and infrastructure companies, where there is never enough water," Donthy explained.

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"Water to be used for construction work can be recycled or fresh, as long as it meets the requirements laid down under IS 456:2000 standards. The quality of water for construction is judged on two parameters – the presence of sulfate and chloride. These are the components that can affect the quality of concrete. When we test the treated water, we check the level of these components to ensure they are within the permissible limits. We will procure the treated water only if all the parameters are within the permissible limits," said Donthy.

IS 456:2000 standards indicate the quality of water that should be used in construction. As per the standards, the permissible limit for sulfate is 400 mg/litre; the permissible limit for chloride is 2,000 mg/litre for concrete not containing embedded steel and 500 mg/litre for reinforced concrete.

Currently, Tankerwala is in the process of mapping decentralised STPs across the city to create an efficient demand-supply network and has already tied up with 10 RWAs.

"We are in talks with more RWAs, hotels and hospitals for the supply of more treated water. More decentralised STPs in the city will be brought into our platform as we scale up operations. If there is demand and response, we will quickly scale up our fleet to be able to supply in most areas of the city," Donthy told BM.

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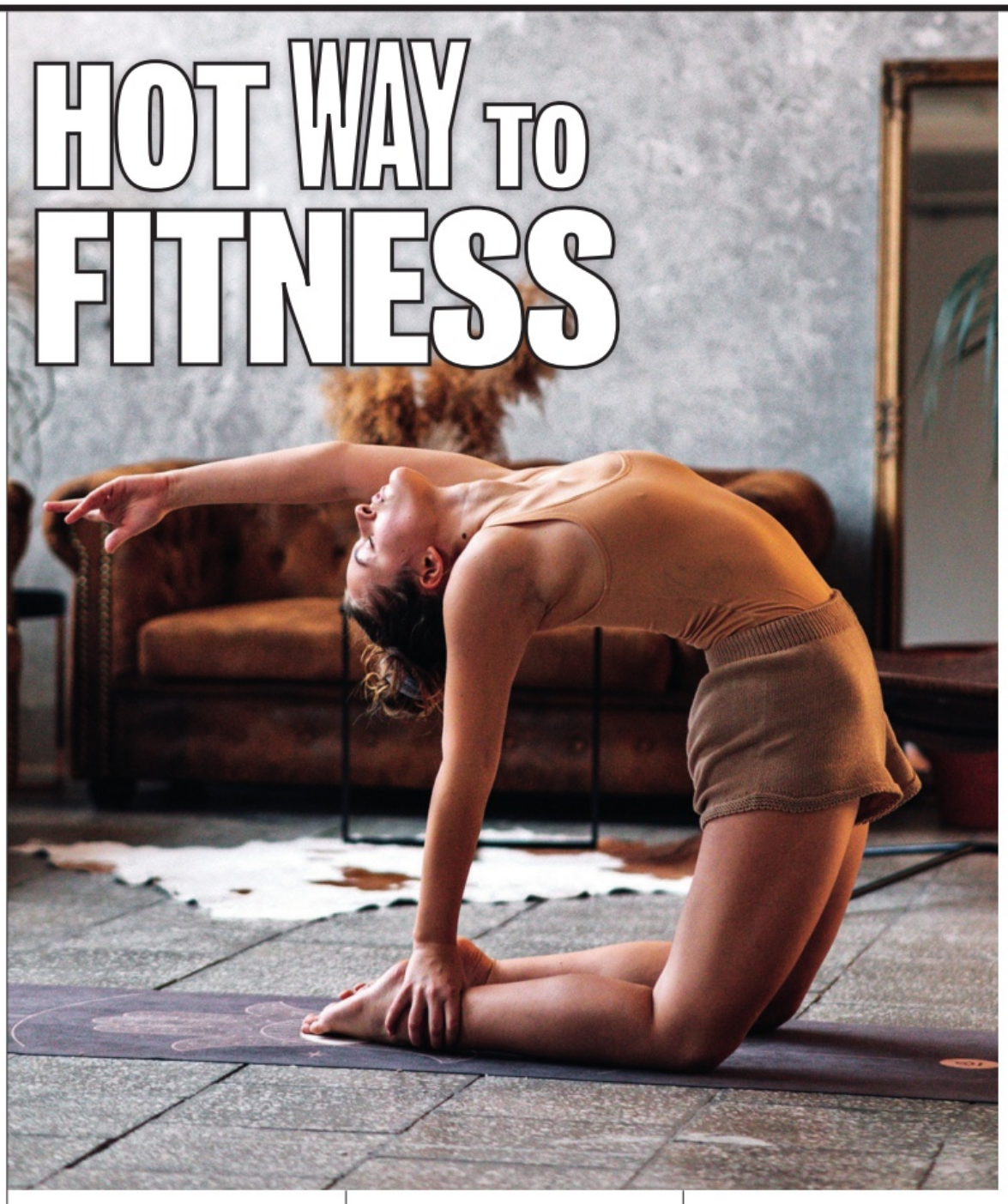

Hot yoga makes asanas easier to perform and it gives you glowy, shiny skin

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Hot yoga is a style of asana that is practised at a hot room temperature and has numerous benefits. Some people do hot yoga to mimic the climate of India, where yoga originated. Bikram Yoga, which was founded by Bikram Choudhury in the 1970s, was the first kind of hot yoga. Bikram Yoga is a type of hot yoga, as hot yoga does not have the same asana specifications as Bikram Yoga. Radhika Iyer, the founder of Anahata Organics and the Raa Foundation, talks about hot yoga and its benefits.

What is it about

Hot yoga is exactly what it sounds like: it is yoga done in a hot room, with temperatures anywhere between 90 and 105 F. Hot yoga is a form of yoga that is done with the added element of heat, which, depending on your relationship with heat, can sound inviting or hard to pass up.

Here is why hot yoga pushes you in the best way possible: it builds your tolerance and makes you more adaptable to situations, heat loosens your muscles; it makes asanas easier to perform and it gives you glowy, shiny skin for at least a week after. It is important to remember that yoga is a spiritual practice.

In fact, asanas were done so that sages could meditate longer. However, today, yoga is also a popular workout, and hot yoga is a testament to that.

Pro tip: Assess your body's needs and limits and plan your hot yoga classes accordingly.

Benefits of hot yoga

Hot yoga differs from other types of yoga as the room in which the asana is performed is extremely hot. When you add heat to your environment, it loosens up your muscles, allowing for faster lengthening and opening. Hot yoga is great for hip and shoulder opening exercises, among other things. Expect to be a little uncomfortable at first, as you will sweat profusely in a hot yoga class but embrace it.

When you first start doing something new, it's normal to feel a little uneasy. The important thing to remember about hot yoga is that the heat raises your heart rate, making your asana series a more intense cardio workout. Because this is such a physically demanding activity, it's easy to lose track of time and become aware of what you can and can't do. Remember that yoga is a personal practise, and you come to the mat solely for yourself.

It's for your own good and no one else's. If you're tired or lightheaded in class, take a break and pay attention to your body. Concentrate on synchronizing your breath with your movement to alleviate heat pain and allow you to complete a fuller practice. Because there are no asana requirements in hot yoga, different types of classes will yield varied results.

An ashtanga hot yoga session, for example, is more dynamic and movement-focused, whereas yin hot yoga challenges you to stay still in your asanas for extended periods of time.

Burns calories

Due to sweating and the intense heat, it is easier to lose weight by doing hot yoga than by other forms of yoga. This form of yoga simply helps you burn more calories.

Removes toxins from body

We all know sweat removes toxins from the body. When you incorporate movement with heat, it allows for pent-up toxins, both physical and mental to come out. Physically, it is the easiest way to detox your body. You feel fresh and energetic after class.

Reduces stress

While yoga in general is the best and most effective way to reduce stress, Hot yoga helps you even more because of how much you sweat during the workout.

Increased lung capacity

Performing breathing techniques in a hot yoga class really opens up the nasal cavity and increase your lung capacity. If you do this consistently, you will see a difference in how much air you can retain at any given point. A good way to observe this is by observing your breathing when you run or walk up the stairs.

Improves flexibility

Loosens the muscles and makes you more flexible. As mentioned above, heat loosens the muscles, it allows you to stretch inches more and really helps you push your body to its limits. This is the reason hot yoga makes you not only stretch but more flexible too.

Pro tip: The more you perform asanas this way, the more your muscles will learn to loosen and open up.

Warning signs

Here are some things you should be careful about:

It is easier to injure yourself

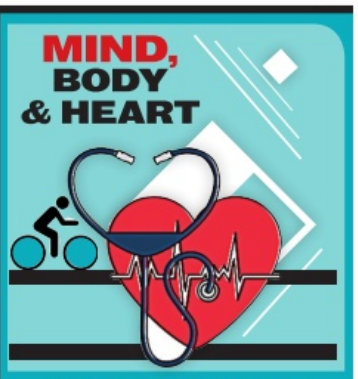
Because your muscles loosen and allow for more stretching, you can get easily carried away. This is why it is so important to keep your mind in the practice. Make sure you are not overdoing it and push your body slowly. Allow your body the time and space to progress at its own pace.

Dehydration

It can be very easy to get dehydrated when practicing in a hot environment. Hydrate yourself well before class and when you have your meals, eat light and fresh food. If you have acid reflux, eat light but nutritious meals.

If your body does not adapt easily to heat, do it less. If you are pregnant, consult your doctor, it is usually advised to avoid hot yoga in this case.

Pro tip: Take it slow and build on the intensity of the practice as you get more comfortable with the heat.



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Dear Coleen

I had an on/off relationship for a long time with a friend I've known since we started working together in our 20s. He always said it was "casual" and I suppose I always knew he didn't feel the same way about me as I did about him.
I really loved him and hoped we'd end up together. To cut a long story short, he's now in an exclusive relationship with someone. They've been dating for a while and it's clear he's in love with her. Every time I think I'm moving on, something happens and I feel upset again. Like when I see photos of them on social media, I feel insanely jealous and angry. I'm still in touch with him as a friend and he told me last week he's going to ask his girlfriend to move in with him. It nearly killed me - I went home, drank a bottle of wine and cried all night. Why can't I get over this?

COLEEN SAYS

First, you can't get over it because he's still in touch with you, treating you like a mate and telling you about his fab new girlfriend. Second, you're torturing yourself by stalking them on social media. The truth is, you can't be mates with him, at least not at the moment, because you're still hurting and you still want more than friendship from him. You need to go cold turkey, I'm afraid. Tell him directly that you can't be friends and he needs to find another mate to talk with about his new relationship. You also have to unfollow him on social media.
You must create space in your own life to move on and get over him. That's impossible to do while he's still in your life to this extent. You can get over this, but you need to give yourself a fighting chance. Don't sit at home, drowning your pain in a bottle of wine - get out there, meet new people, see your friends and enjoy your life.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

All support to Sudeep

CM Bommai, former CMs Kumaraswamy, Siddaramaiah back actor's comment on Hindi

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Support poured in for Sandalwood star Kichcha Sudeep over the Hindi row and his Twitter conversation with Bollywood star Ajay Devgn as the Kannada film industry and top political leaders backed Sudeep.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday stated that he agreed with Kichcha Sudeep's statement. "Our stand regarding mother tongue is clear. The issue has been addressed at the times of formation of states on the basis of the language. Regional languages are supreme. All should accept it and respect it, Kichcha Sudeep has said the same," he explained.

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah tagging Ajay Devgn stated that "Hindi was never and will never be our national language. It is the duty of every Indian to respect the linguistic diversity of our country. Each language had its own rich history for its people to be proud of. I am proud to be a Kannadiga."

Former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy stated that "Hindi is just one among the languages of the nation like Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Marathi. India is a garden of many languages. The attempts to disturb the diversity should not be made."

"Hindi, though spoken by more people, is not the language of all Indians. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Hindi is second or third language in less than 9 states. In this background, how far are the statements of Ajay Devgn tenable? What does it mean when he says do not dub your movies?" Kumaraswamy questioned. "Ajay Devgn has spoken like a mouthpiece of BJP and its Hindi nationalism," he said.

Actor and activist Chetan Ahimsa chided Ajay Devgn for his statements, saying, "Mr Pan Masala Ajay Devgn, it is better for you to be quiet rather than talking. Look at your arrogance and ignorance. Hindi was never our national language and it will not be a national language. Your words remind us that stars are empty vessels."

Kannada hero Sathish Neenasam wrote addressing to Devgn that "Hindi movies have made money since years in Karnataka. Kannada movies have just set their foot in Hindi territory. Respect us like how we have respected you. Hindi was never our national language, we support you Kichcha Sudeep sir," he said.

Meanwhile in Bengaluru, members of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, a pro-Kannada organisation, were detained by the police during their protest against Ajay Devgn for his Hindi national language statement.

All part of the debate

Joining the debate, filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma said north Indian stars are simply "insecure" of their colleagues from South. "The base undeniable ground truth @KichchaSudeep sir is that the north stars are insecure and jealous of the south stars because a Kannada dubbing film #KGF2 had a 50 crore opening day and we all are going to see the coming opening days of Hindi films," he wrote on Twitter referring to the Kannada blockbuster.

Kannada activists protest against actor Ajay Devgn at Mysore Bank circle on Thursday

South star and politician Ramya was equally emphatic in her post. "No- Hindi is not our national language. @ajaydevgn Your ignorance is baffling. And it's great that films like KGF Pushpa and RRR have done so well in the Hindi belt- art has no language barrier. Please enjoy our films as much as we enjoy yours- #stopHindiImposition," she said, tagging Devgn's tweet.

Actor Gulshan Devaiah highlighted the linguistic diversity in his life.

"I tweet in English I work in Hindi I was born in Karnataka I live in Maharashtra My native tongue is Kodava Takk I can speak 5 languages I am from Bharat aka Hindustan aka India. Don't know about you all but I feel awesome about this diversity in my life (sic)," the "Badhaai Do" actor wrote.

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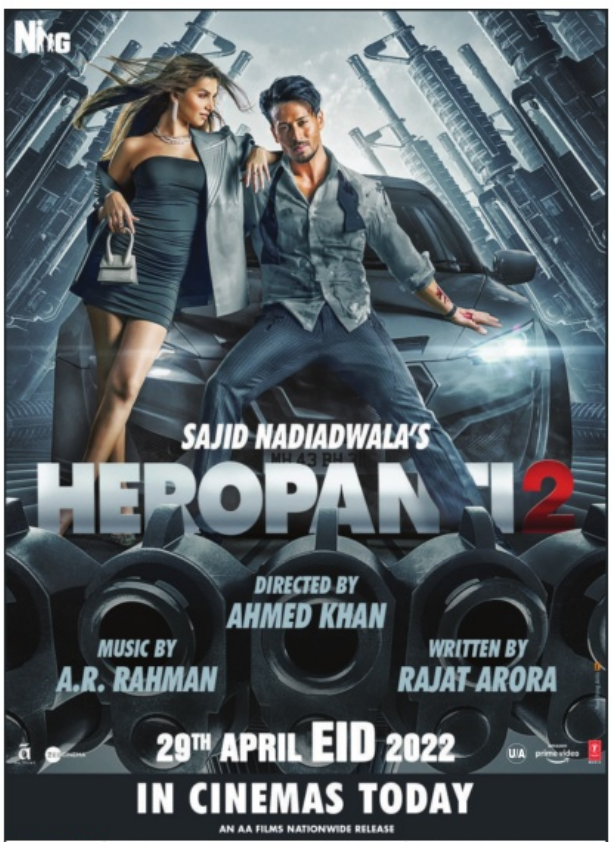

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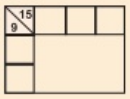
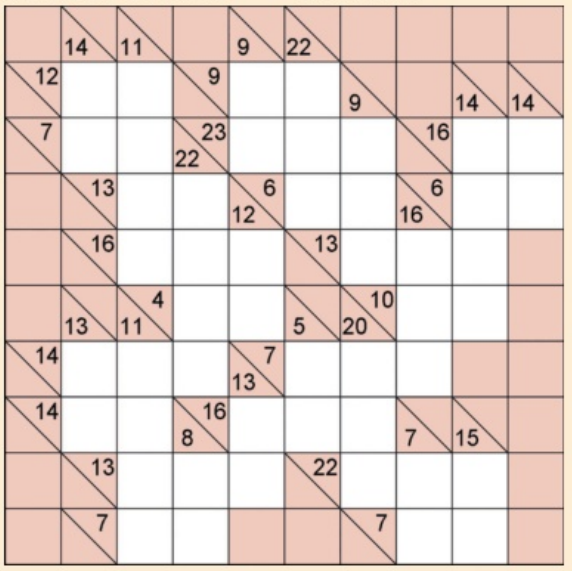
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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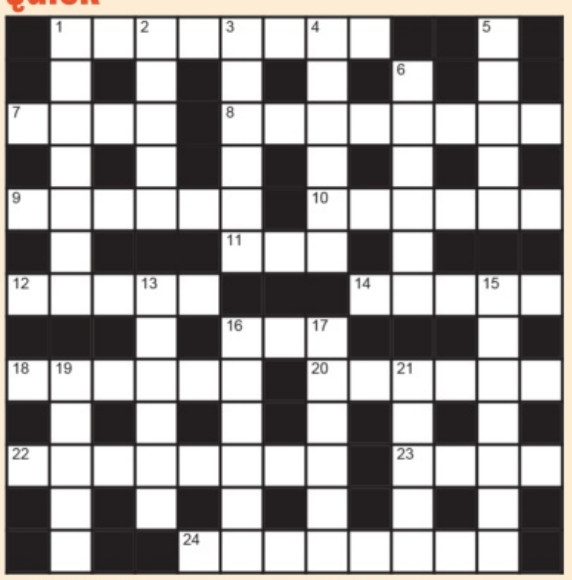


ACROSS

1 Be prominent? (5,3)
7 Peer (4)
8 Chains of suspended drapery or other decorations (8)
9 Stinging-plant (6)
10 Period of immaturity (6)
11 Annoy constantly (3)
12 Doubter (5)
14 Authorization (5)
16 Upper limb (3)
18 ___ City: Bangalore of course (6)
20 With hands on hips (6)
22 Persuaded; obtained by flattery etc. (8)
23 Make a sketch (4)
24 Yabby (8)

DOWN

1 Imposing, majestic (7)
2 Shoelace tip (5)
3 Disagree in opinion? (6)
4 Not famous or acclaimed (6)
5 It may develop when things don't seem to be going smoothly (1,4)
6 Australian lizard (6)
13 In truth (6)
15 Saturday for the Jews, Sunday for the Christians (7)
16 Fisherman? (6)
17 Distress signal (3-3)
19 Hurts (5)
21 A short-tailed lemur–"I rind" anagram? (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS W

GV KCZ XCZMFL'Y XNGYP GY QLF UGAL GY, FCL'Y UQK GY.

Linemaro

Was that an earthquake or did you just rock my world?

Mindchow

A person with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds

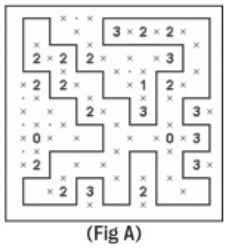
Joke of the day

Always borrow money from a pessimist, they don't expect it back

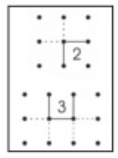
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

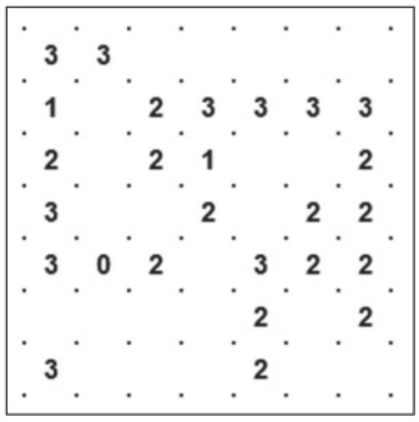


(Fig B) Not Allowed

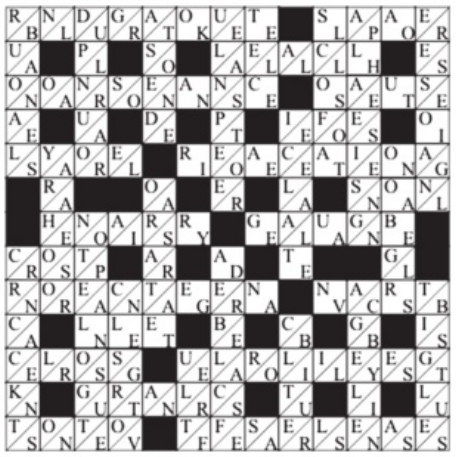
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



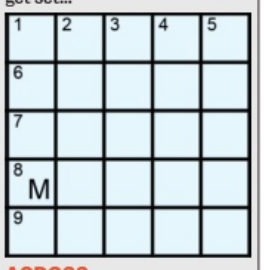
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Carve; 6 Apery; 7 Tuile; 8 Emirs; 9 Baths

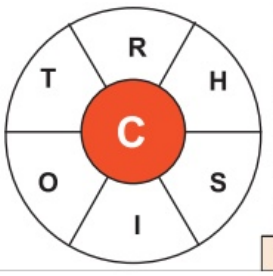
DOWN

1 Mr Cub; 2 Irate; 3 Aphis; 4 At lev; 5 Y seer

Mensapuzzle

Which are the weak links?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

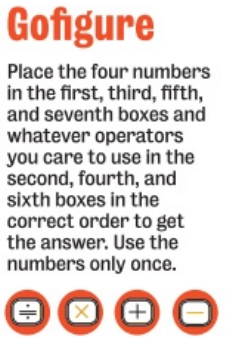
SudokuChallenge

		5	9					4
4						1	9	7
		1		2		3		5
	3		2					
2			3		7			6
					6		3	
6		7		8		9		
9	2	3						1
5					2	4		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

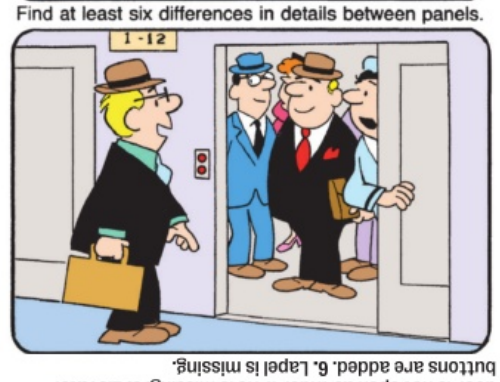
Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



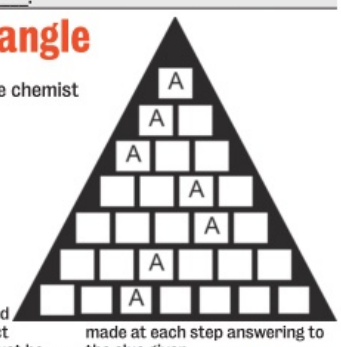
Differences: 1. Arm is lower. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Elevator door is not open as wide. 4. Tie is missing. 5. Elevator buttons are added. 6. Lapel is missing.

Riddler

The following sentences have two blanks that can be filled with two words that are anagrams of each other. Please find those words. **(1)** Mark's math ____ was a mild-mannered man. But one thing he would not tolerate was a ____. He would immediately fail anyone caught doing so. **(2)** The patient ____ his pain through physical therapy. He had seen enough ____ surgeries to know that too many people elected surgery when they shouldn't have. **(3)** After a long and successful career of serving his country, the nation was in shock as the highly regarded ____was arrested and tried for ____.

Alpha triangle

1 Blood gr.
2 Aluminium for the chemist
3 Stout in a mug
4 Starring role
5 Ask in earnest
6 Put in position
7 Grasped firmly



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

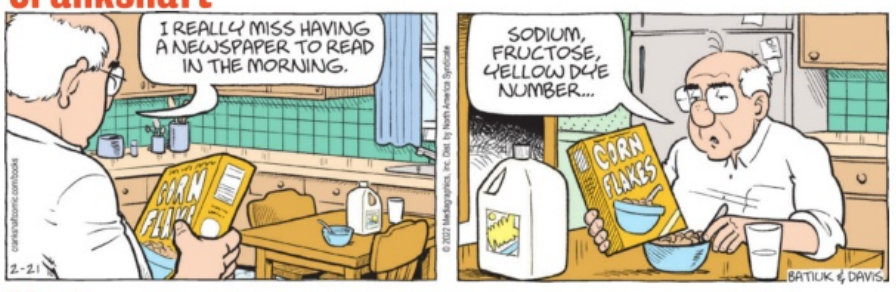
Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today , you are blessed by the moon. You may enjoy your family and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan for renovate your house or office.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may enjoy at work, you may get rewarded after your hard work. Your social respect may increase now. Overworking of your mind may make you tired. Due to workload, you may not be able to reach some family event. Chronic health issues related to your parents may get cured now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be satisfied with work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit to some religious place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders may show you the right path, which may give you clarity in regarding your goals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, your moon becomes negative. You may feel dull; it is advised to keep your mind cool. It's golden rule for you to think twice before acting. You may be travel to recover your money, otherwise you may lose your money. You are also advised to avoid to go for adventure trips. Students are advised to go for in depth study to get success.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel good ans domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential person, who may help you to get some benefits in the work front. You may perform good in your job; you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes in inherited property may settle down.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be healthy and may be able to focus towards your goals. Your performance may be very good at work, your boss may be happy with you. You may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in any legal matter. You are likely to control over your opponents and business rivals.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be more intellectual. You may prefer for gaining knowledge; you may understand the value of intellectual asset. Sometimes, you may control your short temperedness, which may help you to perform your task smoothly. Some chances may come for smooth earning, which may give you comfort in the work flow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money for love once. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your moon becomes negative. You may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities as a burden. You may be in the hurry to complete the task given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day to day work. Your projects may get delayed; it may affect your running projects. You are advised to take advice from your elders before taking any important decision.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may hear good news from your sibling. You may spend your time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with a family member, which will be beneficial in the near future. Your subordinates at office may help you in terms of project.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel negative. Tasks may become incomplete; you may be victim of mood swings. Your patience may be tested many times; silly mistakes may make you confused to complete you work. Love birds find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings. More expectation may affect your emotional attachment with the spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, positive moon may help you. You may feel happy and find peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life, your subordinates may cooperate you to make some important decisions in the business. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial in the growth of business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your moon becomes negative. You may have detachment from responsibilities you have been given. You will also expand more in purchasing worthless stuffs, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be victim of conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature.

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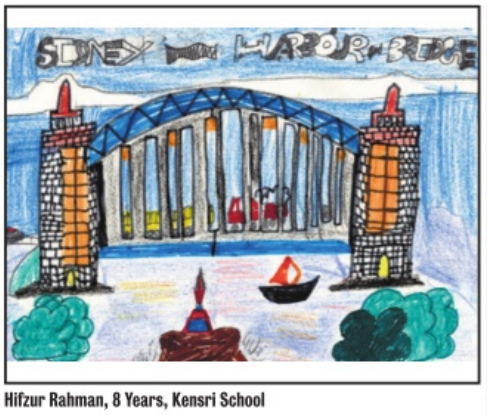

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BULL'S EYE
choir, coat, itch, torch
OSTRICH, rich, stoic,

FAST FIVE

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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
G and H.

RIDDLER
1. teacher, cheater,
2. lessened, needless,
3. Senator, treason

QUOTE UNCODE
If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't say it.

SUDOKU

3	7	5	9	6	1	8	2	4
4	6	2	5	3	8	1	9	7
8	9	1	7	2	4	3	6	5
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ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, Al, Ale, Lead, plead, Placed, Clamped.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 2 + 6 + 2 = 16
Medium
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Salim Ghouse dies at 70

Veteran actor Salim Ghouse, known for his performances in TV shows like "Bharat Ek Khoj" as well as films such as "Sardari Begum" and "Soldier", died Thursday morning following a cardiac arrest

BREAKAWAY STARS

Actors who went against their families to pursue a career in films

Celebrities like Aamir Khan, Irrfan Khan, Kangana Ranaut and others have not only proved their mettle in the industry but have also successfully created an identity of their own. However, their journey hasn't really been a cakewalk. In fact, they had to even go against their family to pursue a career in Bollywood. Read on...

Irrfan Khan

Irrfan Khan was one of the finest actors the Indian film industry has ever had. His sudden demise has left a void in the industry that can never be filled. The ace actor, who hailed from a small village, never imagined that he would be an actor and neither did his family. In an old interview, Irrfan had said that because he comes from a traditional feudal family, there was no question of him becoming an actor.

Kangana Ranaut

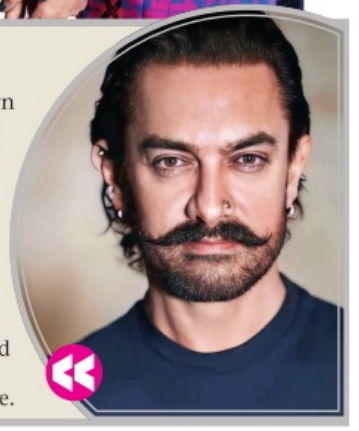
Kangana Ranaut is undoubtedly one of the most talented and hardworking actresses we have in Bollywood. The actress had once revealed that her father wanted her to become a doctor. However, she left home at a very young age to pursue her career in acting. Kangana had also admitted that her decision had impacted her relationship with her family for a long time.

Karisma Kapoor

Although now things have changed for the better in the Kapoor family, there was a time when women of that revered film family were not allowed to act in films. However, despite her father Randhir Kapoor being against it, Karisma began her acting career in Bollywood at 15. Needless to say, she went on to become one of the top actresses of her time. Although she is currently away from the silver screen, her magic lives on.

Aamir Khan

Aamir Khan is a superstar in Bollywood today. He is rightly known as the 'Perfectionist' in the industry. While he has won millions of hearts with his films and performances over the years, acting was certainly not what his parents wanted him to do. In fact, they wanted Aamir to pursue engineering. In one of his interviews, the 'PK' star had revealed that despite being from a film family, his parents were opposed to him joining Bollywood as they believed it was not a good place to be.



Mallika Sherawat

Mallika Sherawat has time and again said in her interviews how she has had to battle patriarchy in her community. Like many others, the actress ran away from home as her parents disapproved of her pursuing acting as a career. Not only this, her father had in fact threatened to disown her if she pursued acting because according to him it would bring shame to their family. However, to mark her protest, Mallika decided to drop his surname.

Stunner in blue

Katrina Kaif amped up the heat on Instagram with her latest beach pictures where she is seen looking stunning as ever in her gorgeous blue bikini.

Dressed in a blue top with a plunging neckline and multi-coloured floral bottoms, the actress struck some sultry poses for the camera in the pictures. Katrina captioned the photos with blue heart emoticons.

Katrina surprised one and all when she tied the knot with Vicky Kaushal in an intimate wedding ceremony in Rajasthan with only their close friends and family in attendance.

Birthday wishes galore

Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu has turned a year older on Thursday. On her special day, her fans and friends from the industry have flooded social media with warm wishes. Celebs like Varun Dhawan, Anushka Sharma and others too have wished the actress on her 35th birthday.

Varun Dhawan, who will be seen working with Samantha soon, took to his Instagram story and shared her picture with her furry friends. Along with it, he wrote, "Happy birthday samantharuthprabhu wishing all the love, happiness and peace. May this year be your best year." Kangana Ranaut also took to her story and wrote, "Happy birthday @samantharuthprabhuoffl. You gorgeous talented hottie."

Kiara Advani, who is currently busy promoting her film 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', also wished Samantha. She wrote, "Happy birthday to the supremely talented and absolutely stunning @samantharuthprabhuoffl. May this year be your bestest yet. Lots of love always!" Anushka Sharma shared a picture of the birthday girl and wrote, "Happy birthday Samantha! Wishing you love and light always."

Taapsee Pannu also took to her story and wrote, "Happy birthday to the woman who keeps breaking her own benchmarks and who creates reality beyond the walls of expectations."